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Subject: RE: TI P revisions

Mark, to reiterate what Lori mentioned... Unless notified, I will typically bunch up ALL TIP revisions and process as ONE STIP revision, since the STIP process is much simpler. If you need to have certain changes done outside of the 2 set revision processes (beginning and end of the year) we can try to accomodate you... depending on what you need and when... Might not always be possible... And as Lori mentioned... ALWAYS consider the time it takes for the TIP revision to be incorporated into the STIP and for FHWA and/or FTA to approve the STIP.

It's always good to let us know what kind of TIP/STIP changes you need as soon as possible. You may end up with a little more flexibility... or not.

Sounds like you need a separate revision to go before the May 8th revision... fortunately it's not an amendment, cuz if it was it would be... difficult.

So, basically, I just agreed with everything Lori just wrote.

Pat

Mark,

Yes, I do pre-approved administrative modifications separate from expedited admin mods & amendments because the pre-approved admin mods do not need PC approval. The exception was TIP Revision #10 for the economic stimulus projects. Because the entire schedule was expedited, I combined everything into one revision.

For example, if you submit ALL your requests on May 8, I will process the pre-approved admin modifications AFTER the amendment goes out for public comment (i.e., after the dust dies down). It will usually (depending on how long it takes for Gov's approval) be completed prior to the amendment because it does not need solicitation of public comments, TAC action, & PC approval. This is what was done with TIP Revisions #7 (pre-approved admin mod), #8 (expedited admin mod) and #9 (amendment). Note, however, that if all requests are submitted at the same time, Pat usually groups everything into ONE STIP revision. This means you will not be able to obligate projects based on changes made in the TIP pre-approved admin mod until after the STIP amendment process is completed. So it depends on when you need things.

If, however, you submit a request for a pre-approved admin modification separately (WAY before the deadline to submit amendment requests) as you did with the bridge project in December 2007, I will generally process it at that time (as will Pat, I believe) – especially if we are aware that you need it done “quickly” for a particular reason.

As a courtesy, I allow the PC about a week to comment on pre-approved admin mods prior to sending it out for the Governor's designee's approval. So as long as it does not involve too many changes, it can generally be done in two weeks (inclusive of the PC's review). If you make a special request to Pat, he could probably facilitate the Governor's designee's (DOT director's) approval.

So...if you need a pre-approved admin mod for the CIP budget discussions, send in your request with the above timeframe in mind. The earlier, the better – and the farther away from May 8, the better, because amendments take up all of my time. If you need a STIP revision at that time as well, you should also schedule in time for STIP revision development and FHWA/FTA STIP approval.

Hope this helps.

Lori

From: Au, Mark [mailto:mau@honolulu.gov]

Lori, I want to coordinate my revisions with you as I am finalizing them. I have pre approved admin mods and have (2) expedited admin mods. Will you process them separately so that the pre approved are approved first followed later by the expedited admin mod since it needs PC approval or do you do approve them as one package? The reason I am asking is that I would like to see the pre approved admin revisions be approved first as the proposed CIP budget reflects these pre approved admin mod revisions. I will submit my amendment on May 8. Let me know. Thanks.

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